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**MINUTES**

Meeting of 10 December 2009, from 11.30 to 12.30  
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 11.30 on Thursday 10 December 2009, with Robert Rochefort (Vice-Chair) in the chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 432.149)**

The Chair informed members that, since Dr Mercedes Monedero had to attend another meeting, she was being represented by Mr Javier de Miguel Perales, from the Permanent Representation of Spain, on behalf of the future Spanish Presidency of the EU Council.

The draft agenda was adopted as amended.

**2. Chair's announcements**

As Mr Panzeri could not be present, Mr Rochefort summarised the progress of the plans to create a joint parliamentary committee with Morocco. He reported on the meeting between Mr Panzeri and Mr Taeb Fassi Fihri, the Moroccan Foreign Minister. At that meeting, Parliament had expressed its willingness to participate in the next EU-Morocco summit in March 2010. Mr Rochefort asked Mr Perales to pass that message on to his superiors.

**3. Overview of regional economic integration in the Maghreb by 2010, in the presence of:**

- **Mr Ignacio Garcia Bercero, Director of Development and management of trade relations with Neighbourhood Countries and with South-East Asia. Bilateral trade relations I at the Commission; and**
- **Mr Javier de Miguel Perales, Permanent Representation of Spain, on behalf of the future Spanish Presidency of the EU Council.**

Introducing the discussion, the Chair stated that regional integration in the Maghreb was far

from having been fully achieved, but that some progress had been made. Some difficulties could be explained by the fact that economies in the region were more similar than complementary.

Referring to the 'Euromed Trade Roadmap beyond 2010' which had been adopted at the Euromed Trade Ministerial Conference on 9 December 2009, and welcoming the decision to associate the business world in the drafting of the Roadmap, the Chair regretted the fact that no reference had been made to the parliamentary aspect of Euro-Mediterranean relations as regards both the European Parliament and the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA). He then stated that, since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, it was the Commission's responsibility to keep the European Parliament regularly informed about the progress of negotiations and that Parliament would have to approve the conclusion of all trade agreements (the consent procedure having replaced the assent procedure).

Mr Garcia Bercero started his presentation by underlining the importance and significance of the Roadmap adopted on 9 December. Regarding regional integration, he noted that despite the important progress made, not all objectives had been met. Trade with the Mediterranean region was not sufficiently diversified and European investment was not as high as expected. He explained that the Roadmap set out how integration could be further deepened, if the countries concerned so desired. The establishment of a mechanism to facilitate trade and investment would certainly contribute to this goal as would the creation of a dispute settlement mechanism, such as in Tunisia for example.

Mr Garcia Bercero then reviewed the state of play of trade negotiations with Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Libya.

Regarding Parliament's new powers concerning trade negotiations, Mr Garcia Bercero expressed the willingness of the Commission to keep all relevant Parliament bodies, including the Maghreb Delegation, regularly informed of progress.

Mr Javier de Miguel Perales informed members of the Spanish Presidency's desire to increase the EU's commitment to the Union for the Mediterranean. He pointed out that the Trade Ministerial Conference of 9 December had given the process of economic and commercial integration an impulse and that the steps decided in the Roadmap were designed to complement association and free trade agreements.

Mr Javier de Miguel Perales said that the Presidency aimed to start negotiations as soon as possible with those countries with which it had not yet done so. It was essential to abolish non-tariff and technical barriers and to support bilateral agreements for the settlement of disputes. In the medium term, the institution of a mechanism to facilitate investments and market access would strongly contribute to the development of European investments in the region.

Following these statements, Ms Alfano asked about Algeria joining the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and said that it was necessary to obtain clear information about the ongoing negotiations with Libya. Ms Benarab asked about the inclusion of cultural products in trade negotiations with Maghreb countries. Mr Preda brought up the issue of taking social dialogue and trade union freedom into account in trade negotiations. Ms Romero said that the EU's trade policy should aim to create a climate of mutual understanding.

Mr Garcia Bercero stressed the Commission's determination to ensure the progression of

Algeria's WTO membership bid. Future trade agreements would require Parliament's agreement, and it was therefore necessary to initiate a productive dialogue between the Commission and Parliament before starting trade talks. He explained that cultural products would not be covered by trade negotiations but that it would be possible to consider some form of cooperation if common interests were found to exist. Regarding the social dimension, he explained that provisions on sustainable development and on the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) regulations would be included in the free trade agreements. Finally, on the issue of regional integration, it was necessary to take the realities and political choices of the Mediterranean countries into account, since the EU could support them or accompany them but not impose decisions.

On the issue of the state of negotiations with Libya, Mr Brunet (deputy head of the Maghreb Unit at the Commission) explained that the fifth round of formal negotiations had been held on 17 December. A technical meeting on trade and migration issues had taken place in Tripoli in October 2009. The migration issue had given rise to questions about refugee rights and Libya's accession to the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 (known as the Geneva Convention). Finally, Mr Brunet said that the Commission was prepared to regularly inform Parliament on the progress of free trade agreement negotiations with Libya.

#### **4. Other business**

No other business.

#### **5. Date and place of next meeting**

The Chair informed members that the next delegation meeting was scheduled for 27 January 2010. The situation in Mauritania would be discussed in preparation for the official visit planned from 15 to 19 February 2010.

The meeting closed at 12.30.

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